

**CLAIMS**

1. Cosmetic and/or pharmaceutical preparations containing

(a) alkyl and/or alkenyl oligoglycosides and

5 (b) dicarboxylic acid monoesters and/or salts thereof.

2. Preparations as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that they contain as component (a) alkyl and alkenyl oligoglycosides corresponding to formula (I):

10

$R^1O-[G]_p$  (I)

where  $R^1$  is an alkyl and/or alkenyl group containing 4 to 22 carbon atoms, G is a sugar unit containing 5 or 6 carbon atoms and p is a number of 1 to

15 10.

3. Preparations as claimed in claims 1 and/or 2, characterized in that they contain monoesters of  $C_{1-12}$  dicarboxylic acids as component (b).

4. Preparations as claimed in at least one of claims 1 to 3, characterized in that they contain as component (b) monoesters of 20 dicarboxylic acids selected from the group consisting of oxalic acid, malonic acid, succinic acid, maleic acid, fumaric acid, glutaric acid, adipic acid, sorbic acid, pimelic acid, azelaic acid, sebacic acid and dodecanedioic acid.

5. Preparations as claimed in at least one of claims 1 to 4, 25 characterized in that they contain monoesters of dicarboxylic acids with  $C_{6-22}$  fatty alcohols as component (b).

6. Preparations as claimed in at least one of claims 1 to 5, characterized in that they contain as component (b) monoesters of 30 dicarboxylic acids with fatty alcohols whose alk(en)yl group corresponds to that of the alk(en)glycosides.

7. Preparations as claimed in at least one of claims 1 to 6, characterized in that they contain monoesters of dicarboxylic acids present as alkali metal, alkaline earth metal, ammonium, alkylammonium, alkanolammonium and/or glucammonium salts as component (b).
- 5 8. Preparations as claimed in at least one of claims 1 to 7, characterized in that they contain monoesters of adipic acid with C<sub>12-18</sub> fatty alcohols as component (b).
9. Preparations as claimed in at least one of claims 1 to 8, characterized in that they contain the alkyl and/or alkenyl oligoglycosides
- 10 and dicarboxylic acid monoesters in a ratio by weight of 1:99 to 99:1.
10. Preparations as claimed in at least one of claims 1 to 9, characterized in that they additionally contain mild surfactants, oil components, emulsifiers, superfatting agents, pearlizing waxes, consistency factors, thickeners, polymers, silicone compounds, fats, waxes,
- 15 lecithins, phospholipids, stabilizers, biogenic agents, deodorizers, antiperspirants, antidandruff agents, film formers, swelling agents, UV protection factors, antioxidants, hydrotropes, preservatives, insect repellents, self-tanning agents, tyrosine inhibitors, solubilizers, perfume oils and/or dyes.
- 20 11. The use of mixtures of
  - (a) alkyl and/or alkenyl oligoglycosides and
  - (b) dicarboxylic acid monoesters and/or salts thereof
- 25 for the production of cosmetic and/or pharmaceutical preparations.